

REMARKS

This Amendment is in reply to the Official Action mailed on April 7, 2005.

Claims 13-32 are pending.

Claims 1-12

The Office Action Summary sheet (PTO:-326) indicates that claims 1-32 are pending and that claims 1-12 are withdrawn from consideration. In the Preliminary Amendment submitted in this application, claims 1-12 were canceled.

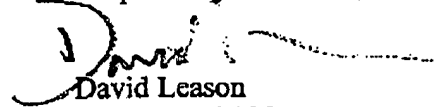
Accordingly, only claims 13-32 are now pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 13-32 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,505 ("the '505 patent"). The '505 patent is commonly owned by the present applicant, and submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer to overcome that ground for rejecting claims 13-32 together with the requisite fee.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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